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METALLURGICAL PLANTS IMPROVE PRODUCTION, INCREASE TYPES OF PRODUCTS

GUSTANJ TO PRODUCE HIGH-GRADE LIZEL -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 2 Jan 51

The production of steel and steel products in the Gustanj steel mill in 1950 was 2.5 times as great as in 1939. In accordance with the plan for 1950, highgrade steel made up 5 percent of the total steel production in volume, but 41 percent of the production in value. When additional high-frequency induction and arc furnaces are installed in the new shops, which were completed recently, the steel mill will produce mainly high-grade steel.

Instead of using imported wolfram and nickel in the production of high-grade steel, the steel mill is using domestic molybdenum, manganese, chromium, and silicon. At present, the Gustanj steel mill is capable of producing any kind of steel for tools and construction purposes. Among other things, it produces hig) -speed steel, steel with a high electric resistance, stainless steel, steel for casting in rreheated and unpreheated dies, and quench-hardened tool steel.

In addition to raw, ordinary, and high-grade steel, the foundry, forging shop, rolling mill, and mechanical workshop produce semifinished and finished steel products. The foundry is now producing castings for the shipbuilding industry, for bridges, for cableways and for steam shovels. The forging shop forges parts for the automobile industry, electrical industry, ball-bearing industry, shipbuilding industry, and for power plants. The mechanical workshop produces the wheels and axles for mine cars and forest railroads, various kinds of knives, and springs. The workshop has thus far produced several 4-ton presses for testing the hardness of concrete.

VARIOUS PLANTS TO PRODUCE NEW ITEMS .-- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 27 Dec 50

The Slovenian metal industry will produce several new items in 1951.

The "Remont" Factory in Ljubljana will begin the serial production of cranes and hand-brakes for cableways. These were designed by Engineer Kostenapfl. The above factory will also begin the production of impeller pumps, while the "Remont"

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Factory in Maribor will serially produce motor winches, of the new type produced for the new "Titan" Heat-Treating Shop in Kamnik. Together with the Maribor Foundry, the "Remont" Factory in Maribor will begin the serial production of condensers for steam boilers. In 1951, the Maribon Foundry will also begin the serial production of tableware, razors, and cigarette lighters.

The "Saturmus" Enterprise in Ljubljana will serially produce another type of lighter, carbide lamps, and aluminum toothpaste tubes. The chain factory (Tovarna Verig) in Lesce will begin the production of heavy chains for the Yugoslav Navy. The factory will soon begin the serial production of a general-purpose farm machine, which will be able to perform ten operations. The "Rog" Enterprise will soon begin the production of type for typewriters.

The "Ilirija" Chemical Factory in Ljubljana will begin the production of combs and possibly buttons from hard rubber. The production of umbrellas will be increased to 50,000 per year. The silk for the umbrellas will be produced by the "Volnenka" reprise in Ljubljana, while the "Elektra" Enterprise in Ljubljana is already producing metal ribs for umbrellas. The stopper factory in Ljubljana will produce insulating plates from cork waste. The Unitas" Metal Enterprise in Ljubljana will increase its production of plumbing fixtures.

BLAST FURNACE TO BE COMPLETED IN 1951 -- Ljubljana, Slovenski Porocevalec, 23 Dec 50

A blast furnace having a capacity of 700 tons of pig iron per day will be completed in Zenica in 1951. To produce 700 tons of pig iron daily, the blast furnace will be supplied with 1,500 tons of iron ore, 700 tons of coke, and 300-500 tons of limestone per day. This means that the blast furnace will need 56,000 carloads (one carload equals 10 tons) of iron ore, 25,000 carloads of coke, and 10,000-20,000 carloads of limestone per year.

Another blast furnace of the same size is to be built at Zenica.

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